

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:131

ANSWERED ON:02.08.2005

SCRAPPING OF IMDT ACT

Jai Prakash Shri ;Madhwaraj Smt. Manorama

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has constituted a Group of Ministers to study the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court on Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunal) Act as reported in the 'Hindu' dated 15 July, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the presence of illegal immigrants from Bangladesh has led to serious internal disturbances; and

(d) if so, the manner in which Union Government proposes to protect the State in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIS. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 131 FOR 02.08.2005 RAISED BY SHRI JAI PRAKASH (MOHANLAL GANJ), SHRIMATI MANORAMA MADHAVARAJ REGARDING 'SCRAPPING OF IMDT ACT'.

(a) & (b): Government has decided to constitute a Group of Ministers to study the implications of the Supreme Court Judgement and hear all opinions on the question of detection and deportation of illegal migrants.

(c): There is no report from the States to suggest any serious internal disturbances.

(d): The Government has taken steps to detect and deport illegal migrants from the country. State Governments and Union Territories have been directed to enforce the provisions of Foreigners Act strictly. The powers under Section 3(2)(c) of the Foreigners Act, 1946 to detect and deport foreign nationals staying in India unauthorisedly, have been entrusted to the State Governments and UT Administrations. Administrative instructions are also issued to them from time to time to launch special drives to detect the foreign nationals including Bangladeshi nationals staying illegally in the country for their immediate deportation.

Besides, Government has also taken up various measures to curb illegal influx into the country, which, inter alia, include accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing; strengthening of Border Security Force (BSF) for deployment on borders and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; raising of additional battalions of BSF; reduction of gaps between border outposts; intensification of patrolling; provision of surveillance equipment, etc.